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DARIDAN ASKED LYON TO CALL THIS AFTERNOON TO GIVE HIM
FRENCH FIRST REACTIONS TO SOVIET NOTE ON BERLIN.

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DARIDAN SAID FRENCH FIND IT "VERY BAD AND SEE NO
GOOD IN IT." THEY BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE NO YIELDING
ON BERLIN UNDER SOVIET THREATS. FRENCH FIND "TAKE IT
OR LEAVE IT APPROACH" THAT IT IS THIS SOLUTION WITHIN
SIX MONTHS TO BERLIN PROBLEM OR NOTHING ELSE
TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

DARIDAN SUGGESTS THERE ARE THREE ALTERNATIVES FOR HANDLING
SOVIET PROPOSAL:

1. REFUSE IT OUT OF HAND.
2. TRY AND SEEK A LIMITED SOLUTION FOR BERLIN ITSELF.
THIS WOULD PROBABLY PROVE RUINOUS FOR BERLIN.
3. TRY AND SEEK A BROADER ALL GERMAN SOLUTION WHICH
WOULD PROBABLY BE RUINOUS FOR GERMANY AND WOULD RAISE
SUBJ RAPACKI PLAN, ETC., WHICH WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE
TO NATO ALLIANCE.

FRENCH BELIEVE NOTE REQUIRES MUCH STUDY AND THOROUGH
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN UK, FRANCE AND OURSELVES
AND URGE THAT WE REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY PUBLIC POSITION
ON IT UNTIL THESE HAVE OCCURRED.

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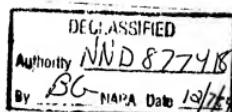
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